

SATURDAY EVENING. DEC. 31, 1898

THE GAZETTE will close its 99th volume to-day; a long life that, for a newspaper, but, during the whole of it, save temporarily when it was seized, sacked and burnt by the federal sol diers during the war between the States, it has daily been left at the doors of all the intelligent people of the city who take any interest in Alexandria's affairs and welfare. Since the close of that war it has had a great deal to contend with in the active rivalry of both the morning and evening news papers of Washington, and though those papers do all they can to disparage and injure Alexandria, there are some people living here, but employed there, who patronize them, either on account of their political proclivities, or because they would rather the indestries of that city should prosper, than those of the older but smaller Virginia city on this side of the Potomac. But even with this heavy handicap, the Gazette daily shows its many and increasing subscribers the "very age and body of the times," and stands up with as stout a heart and as firm a band as ever in defence of its city, its State and its section, and, judging from present indications, will continue to do so until the next century, as this one is now doing, shall be drawing to its close. It commences the new year with all its old and many new subscribers and with an additional number of advertisers, and it is in almost daily receipt of letters from various parts of the country endorsing its opinions on all public questions, at d that, too, from many who at times have not agreed with it, but who new acknowledge that then hey were wrong. All this, naturally, is very gratifying to it, the more so, as it is deserved. For generations the Gazette has been the family newspaper of all this portion of Virginia, and the descendarts of the people thereof who have moved has honest convictions, and has the courage to express them; that it hews to the line, irrespective of where the chips fall; that it sees the faults of its political friends and criticises them as well as it does those of its political er emies; that its chief object is the good of of labor, perhaps those who are now shouting for "expansion" will not its city, its State and the South, and so | shouting they rely upon it, make it their vade mecum, and as, like the brooks, it goes on forever, will continue to read and approve the daily shots it fires at folly

THE FATES have not been very propitious to Alexandria during the year that closes to-day; neither have they been to many other more pretentious cities, but her people are by no means as those without hope, and, know ing that the darkest part of the night is just before day, they will pick their flints and try it again. A little more desire to stand by and help one another, and a greater manifestation of commumity of interest would not harm them.

and humbuggery, no matter from

whence they fly.

THE national negro convention that adjourned in Washington last night passed resolutions denouncing the white people of the South for refusing to recognize the transparent fallacy of negro equality, and criticising the President for his alleged lukewarmness in the negro's cause-all of which, of course, will naturally tend to the injury of the negro and to reduce the number of hifriends.

THE YEAR that expires to day, to many, like all that have preceded it. has added proof to the sad truth that man was made to mourn and that this "Is a very good world to live in,

To spend, and to lend, and to give in; But to beg or to borrow or get one's own, 'Fis the very worst world that ever wa

known.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. The funeral of the late Senator Morrill, of Vermont, took place at noon today in the Senate chamber. At an early hour this morning the remains were taken from the family residence to the Senate chamber by a detail of Capitol police, and were placed directly in front of the desk of the presiding officer. Vice-President Hobart presided. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Leavitt, pastor of All Souls Unitarian church, of which Mr. Morrill was a member, and Rev. Dr. Milburn, the blind chaplain of the Senate, assisted. The remains will be taken to Montpelier, Vermont, to-morrow morning, where the interment will Her father was remaining she be. The congressional committee, Clifton, Va. After her marriage she members of the family and several officials of the Senate and House will comprise the party of escort. lived in Virginia since 1665. The remains were exposed to view, the lid of the casket having been removed. Palms and other plants in the grestest profusion were visible in all

the chamber. Chief Justice Fuller and Justices Brewer and McKenna were

present, as were many Senators, Repre-

and others well known throughout the

Senators Sherman and Henderson,

and wives daughters and lady

were ex-

Representa-

nation, among whom

friends of Senators and

Faulkner, Morgan, Wolcott, Nelson and Mitchell, and Representatives Powers, Hitt, McCall, Catchings, Binkhead and Lewis (of Washington), all of whom wore long and broad white sashes. President McKinley and his cabinet arrived last and then came in the family and relatives of the deceased and the colored family servants. When all had been seated, a quartette composed of men and women seated in the press gallery sang "Lead Kindly Light." Rev. Dr. Leavitt read from the Unitarian Church funeral ceremony, the quartette sang again and then Dr. Leavitt delivered an address of considerable length on the life and character of the deceased. The quartette next rendered "Nearer My God to Thee." P. ayer was offered by Senate Chaplain Milburn, and he too in the invocation feelingly eulogized the deceased Senator. The ceremonies were concluded at 12:55 and the assemblage began to disperse. Those in the gal-leries arose and remained standing while the President and his cabinet

withdrew.
It is stated at the War Department that Major General Ludlow is to-day swearing in 1,000 Cuban policemen at Havana Some of these Cubans were selected for the service by Gen. Green before he left Hayana. The remainder were chosen by Gen. Ludlow. Ex-Superintendent of Police McCullouh, of New York, is acting in an advisory capacity in the organization of the force which will be under Lieutenant Moulton. Gen. Ludlow will organize a detective force for Havana which has

never before had one.

The Secretary of State has issued a proclamation expressing the disapproval of the State Department of the contract made by the Pacific Cable Company with the Hawaiian government for exclusive privilege to land cables.

The internal revenue commission

cannot decide what medicines are to be taxed and what exempted under the war revenue bill.

Capt. Shoemaker, of the revenue cutter service, who was detailed by the Secretary of the Treasury to go to Porto Rico on a tour of investigation, submitted his report to-day. He recommendthat two revenue vessels be ordered to the island for patrol duty. They will have to be built or bought & and will cost from \$160,000 to \$170,000 changing as the trusts get greater

The New Year's holiday of all the employees of all the government departments here, as usual, commenced at noon to-day and will last until Tuesday morning.

The friends of the Arlington bridge bill have not yet abandoned all hope, and say they will make another appeal to the House commerce committee at its next meeting. Mr. Alexander Graham of Alexandria county has completed a handsome map of the proposed oridge and its approaches, which he will try to exhibit in the committee

Mr. Gompers, of the federation of labor, says what the American workman fears is that taxes will be increased, the standing army increased and the cost of living increased, without a proportionate increase in the value of his to other States have it seat to them in toil. After thousands and thousands their new homes. They know that it of our poor boys rot under the equatorial sun of these new possessions; after taxes eat up the wages of the work ing man and make him no better than the serfs of Europe; after the people of these new countries are given rights under the free laws here, without being fitted for civilization and help make other laws that will enthrall the body think that their imperialism is such a desirable thing after all.

Representative Sayres of Texas left here this morning from his State, to t inaugurated Governor thereof. Be fore leaving he called at the White House to bid the President good bye and was informed by him that he was perfectly satisfied with the condition of affairs, both at home and abroad. In talking to a Pennsylvania afterward. Governor Sayres said he hoped Senstor Quay would be re-elected, as he was a true representative of the republican majority of his State.

Everybody here at all acquainted with Cuba and its affairs sava that in all the army a more competent man could not have been selected for military governor of that island than General

Brooke. Young Mr. Reuchler of Leesburg, Virginia now in Garfield Hespital hore, is getting along very well to-day. His knee join itself was not injured, though the lower en of the thigh bone was splintered by the ball.

Mr. Bailey, the democratic leader of the House, says the attacks, open or covert, made upon him by the newspapers of this city, instead of hurting, help h m with all the peo-ple of his State and with all good democrats

verywhere. Eepresentative Dingley, chairman of the House ways and means committee, is serious y ill with la grip at the Hamilton Hotel.

EXCITEMENT AT A FIRE .- A fire that did comparatively little damage, but which at one time seemed likely to result in the loss of human life and the destruction of property to a large amount, was discovered about 12:10 ast night in the second story of 817 Fifteenth street northwest. Washington. Mrs. Mamie Y. Rixey, and Mrs. S. M. Colvin, who live in the house, rushed into the streat in their night robes calling "Fire!" and in the mean-time informed the little cluster of people that gathered that a woman was asleep on the third floor, above the fire. Three young men rushed up the stairs in spite of the smoke which filled the bouse and awoke Miss Harriet Bartlett, who occupies a suite of rooms in the tear of the third story. She was partially overcome by smoke and gas before assistance reached her. She was brought safely to the street and soon entirely recovered. It was also reported that a man was asleen in an upper story. A fireman entered the room, but found no one.

DEATH OF MRS. MCKIM.-Mrs. Catherine L McKim died yesterday morning at her residence, in Batimore, the eighty-eighth year of her age. She was the widow of John S. McKim. went to Baltimore, where she lived for sixty-seven years. Her ancestors had mother's side, she was related to the Randolph family. Her children are Rev. Dr. Randolph H. McKim, rector of the Church of Epiphany, Washington; Miss Mary R. McKim and Miss Margaret McKim.

The funeral took place this afternoon sentatives and government officials, from Emanuel P. E Church, Baltimore.

A wholesale poisoning is reported from Shelby, Austin county, Tex. Frank Lomack, his wife and five chil dren were the victims. Two are dead tives occupied seats in the chamber. and it is thought that none of the others The congressional pallbears were Sens- can recover. Arsenic was placed in tors Cullom, Chandler, Fairbanks, their coffee by unknown persons.

ALEXANDRIA IN 1898.

Another year has been added to Alexandria's history and the time has again rolled around for the Gazette to give a resume of the business affairs of the city, as it has done for so many years. Its reporters have talked with merchants in every line of trade and business.

It cannot be said that the "wave of prosperity" has yet reached this secall hope that better days may again be in Store for old "Belle Haven," which The fertilizer business shows an versity, and that she may, after all her buffetings by adverse winds, be near-ing a more satisfactory epoch when the sun of prosperity will again rise and bring better days to us all.

That the year 1898 was a dull one, in the general acceptation of the term, but few will dispute. The business de-pression was not confined to one section of the country, but was quite general throughout the land. The Spanish "war" benefitted a few rich contractors, manufacturers and corporations in the north, but in this section its effects were more injurious than beneficial, causing a stagnation in business and enforced idleness for many men. Notwithstanding this it will be surprising to many to learn that the volume of bu iness done in the city this year exceeded that of the preceeding twelve months. This is proved by the reports of the railroads centering in Alexandris and by the steamer lines touching here, which reports show an increased tonnage both in receiving and forwarding business. This, it must be admit ted, applies principally to such heavy articles as lumber, coal, fertilizer, etc. but these go to make up the volume of business and on this basis is a city's trade reckoned. When it is shown that during a year more goods are re ceived in a city and more are shipped therefrom than during the preceeding year, it follows that the volume of trade increased, but whether more money was made in Alexandria this year than last is an open question.

The conditions of trade seem to be power. Such articles as oil, salt, etc., which formerly were big items in the wholesale merchants' sales, are now furnished direct by the trusts to the retail dealers, thus reducing the sales o the middle men. The oil trusts now have tanks in many of the small towns and the salt, sugar, coffee and other trusts are also beginning to supply retail dealers in the towns and village

direct. Several branches of trade show fair increase and in but few has there been a falling off, so Alexandria has reason to congratulate herself on the showing she is able to make at the close of a year of such general business depression.

The financial affairs of the city are in good condition and are well managed, while the city's credit is most excellent. During the year the corporation bond. have reached the highest point since their issue—the 3 65's selling at 92.

Alexandria in several ways labor under the disadvantage of being close to the capital of the country. Invidious comparisons are drawn, but this of course, is unfair, as Washington has the wealth of a nation at its command, while Alexandria can only depend on the efforts of its own citizens. other hand, however, numbers of Alexandrians find employment in Washing ton and spend the money made there at their homes in this city.

What are most needed in this city

are manufactories or branches of busi ness which give employment to labor. Many Alexandrians are compelled to seek employment elsewhere, while many others spend a large part of their time in enforced idleness. The natural advantages of Alexandria as a manufacturing city are generally admitted while the railroad and shipping facilities are as good as the best. Manufac tories would not only give employment to the idle labor of the city but would attract other people here. A manufac turing community is a thrifty com munity, for the money paid out to employees is kept in constant circulation and all classes more or less feel the ben-

During the year no business failures of note have been reported. This shows good and prudent managment on the part of the city merchants, and is regarded by business men as the sures sign of a healthy state of affairs.

Though there has been no extensive street improvements during the year some improvements have been made and the streets are in better condition than they have been for some time. The repaying of King street with vitrified brick will be commenced early in the year, and the Lee street repaving northward from Duke has been order

ed by Council. The real estate market has been duli during the entire year. The sales have been comparatively few and prices as a rule show no improvement. Rent, too continue low and quite a number of houses are yacant. But this state o affairs exists in most of the cities of the country and a change for the better is not soon expected, though most people think the prices are about as low now as they will be and that this is a good time to buy property as an investment

The three Alexandria banks continue in a prosperous condition, both the deposits and the discounts showing an increase over last year. The object of their management is, as far as possible to conduct them for the mutual benefit of the stockholders, owners and the community. Their policy is to be as liberal and accommodating as possible and their patrons are given as much latitude as banking business will per-

mit.
The building associations have not done so well this year, there being a falling off both in receipts and loaus. In some instances when money accum ulated and loans were not made readily non-borrowing members of the associations were required to redeem their stock. The management of the associations, however, has been excellent and they continue to be favorite, and, it may be said almost indispensable inthe said almost indispensable inChency for the last 15 years, and believe him stitutions in Alexandria,

While there has been less building done in this city than for several years past, the lumber merchants sold more lumber, shingles, &c., than they did last year, having made sales over a much larger territory than ever before. supplying various points in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Lumber is brought to this city in large quantities from North Carolina and other

what is decided by the form of Dyspepsia. Like all other diseases resulting from indigestion, it can be cured by Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It digests what you eat. Edgar Warfield, jr., corner King and Pitt streets.

southern States, and Alexandria is found to be a fine distributing point.

Four large mills here convert much of this lumber into doors, sash, blinds and to do business in the city, two of the number of the number. other building material, all of which finds a ready market.

As has been reported for several years in succession the wholesale drug business continues to increase and now the retail trade of this section and of many of the towns at a distance is supplied give below a summary of what they from this city. The Washington drug stores are supplied almost exclusively from Alexandria. A dealer reports that in the past month he has shipped goods to Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, tion, but hope is a cardinal virtue, and Ohio, Lousiana, and has done business

The fertilizer business shows an inhas weathered so many storms of ad- crease over that of last year. The two big works have been kept busy making fertilizers of unsurpassed quality and shipping them to various points throughout the South. These works have every facility for the manufacture and shipment of fertilizers, being equipped with the most modern machinery and appliances. In connection with one of these works is a large acid manufactory, and as the acid made on the spot is used largely in dissolving bone and phosphate rock the cost of the fertilizer is lessened and the farmer eceives the benefit.

Alexandria lost most of her bitumi nous coal shipping trade years ago when the Alexandria canal was destroyed, but her trade in anthracite coal is increasing daily and the mer chants of this city are now shipping coal over a wider territory than ever before, extending to many of the

southern States.

The flour and grain trade shows a falling off both in receipts and in ship ments. This is accounted for by reason of the increasing number of mills being operated all through this section of the country. These mills buy up the grain raised in their respective neighborhoods and supply the people thereof with flour, thus affecting the city trade. During the year a well equip ped flouring mill has been established in this city and its owners have already built up a fine trade which is growing

daily. The flour and meal made at this mill are of the best quality.

The business of the Alexandria cracker, cake and candy manufactory continues to increase and the excellent goods turned out here find a ready market. The owners of the manufactory are always on the alert to please beir customers and the result is that they are constantly putting novelties on the market.

The Alexandria brewery continues to enjoy a large and increasing trade The several brands of beer made here all stand well in the market and their excellence is attested by the thousands who new drink what has become almost the national beverage. The plant is a model one and contains the very latest appliances for brewing, &c.

The eight manufactories have done fairly well and Alexandria-made cigars have won favor wherever sold. They are what they are represented to be are made of good material and are sold

at reasonable prices.

During the year the bread baking business has materially increased as haalso the number of bakeries. The dil ficulty in securing good cooks or of paving good home-made bread has in duced many families to rely almost wholly on the bakers and this has tarted a rivalry among the latter as to which can excell in bread making.

The wholesale grocery and provision lealers report their business as fully qual to that of last year.
The ice business has increased. More

people use ice now than ever before and in larger quantities. The re-icing here of fruit and vegetable trains on their way from the South to the north ern cities consumes great quantities of ice, and is a new feature in the trade.

The china, glass and earthenware trade holds its own. Goods are imported direct to this city by one of the old Alexandria establishments and a large business is done through this entire section. During the past month a new and extensive establishment handling this line of goods has been opened in this city.

The drygoods and notion merchants report a fair business during the year, notwithstanding the tendency of some of the Alexandria ladies to make their purchases in this line in the larger cities. The Alexandria merchants keep large and varied stocks of goods and make their stores as attractive as

The furniture dealers report a fair business, considering the dull times, and state that they are not only building up a good trade in the surrounding country but that they make frequent sales in Washington.

The boot and shoe trade has been fairly good. There are now two manufactories in Alexandria, that make ladies' and children's shoes, and both are doing well. The quality of the shoes made here is excellent. The receipts of lump plaster were

greater than for several years. The trade in agricultural implements, seeds, &c., was fairly good, Alexandria continuing to supply the farmers in all

this section of country. The city this year has not been visited by any very destructive fires, such as were reported during the two preceding years, nor have storms or floods done much damage.

NOTES NOTES
During this year's session the clerk of the
City School Board has issued 2,128 permits
to children to attend the public schools, 682
to white boys, 622 to white girls, 367 to colored boys, and 457 to colored girls Last
year the number of permits issued was 2,353.
The decrease was in all four divisions of the The decrease was in all four divisions of the

The collection of city taxes during the period in which a discount of 10 per cent. was allowed amounted to \$76,100, as against \$76,494 in 1897.

The chain gang expenses this year were \$4.750.52; last year \$1,482.75.

The cost of operating the electric lights during the year was \$5,754.80; last year \$6,351, and 1896 \$6,075. The reduction in the wine of the second tion in the price of coal will account for the difference.

The number of dog licenses issued in 1896

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When you have eaten too much, or when you suffer from any form of Dyspepsia or Indigestion, remember that Kodol Dyspepsis Cure digests what you eat. It cores the worst forms of Dyspepsia, Edgar Warfield, There are 42 insurance companies licensed to do business in the city, two of the number being local, The Alexandria and The Mount Varnon

Vernon
Alexandria has eighteen licensed physicians,

four dentists and twenty-one lawyers.

The licenses collected by the Mayor since the beginning of the fiscal year, June 1, 1898. amount to \$8,706. During the same period in 1897 the amount was \$8 772. The receipts from fines during the celendar year 1896 amounted to \$2,468 56; year 1897 \$1,734; this year \$2,602.45. This lattered named amount has only been greater in any one calendar year-1894—during ex-Mayor Straus,'s term when it was \$2,808 20. The largest sum received from fines during any fiscal year was in that ending May 31, 1893, which was also in Mr. Strauss's term, and

which was also in Mr. Strauss's term, and amounted to \$3.66.).25

The desths occurring in this city during the year 1898 number 352, or 8 less than in 1897, indicating that even in health Alexandria is conservative. However, there was a decrease in whites of 11 and an increase in colored of 3. The color and sexes are as fol lows: Whites—males 97, females 99, colored—males 71, females 85. Upon making a comparison of last year's (1897) death record with the four years prior it is quand to there with the four years prior it is found that there was a slight decrease in that year. The deaths last year (1897) were 360 or 18½ ou of each 1,000 of whites and 28½ out of each 1,000 of colored. The deaths during the pas 1,000 of colored. The d-aths during the past five years were: In 1893 white 196, colored 195; in 1894 white 220, colored 194; in 1895, white 180, colored 159; in 1896 white 207, colored 172; in 1897, white 207 colored 153; total during these five years white 1010, colored 873. This total of 1883 making an average annual death rate of 376.3, or 23 out of each 1,000. The white annual death rate being 184 out of each annual death rate being 18½ out of each 1,000, just what it was for the years 1897 and 1898. The colored annual death rate averages 30 out of cach 1,000. These fig ures would indicate that out of each 1,000 inhabitants 3 colored persons die to 2 whit

persons in this city.

The Clerk of the Corporation Court durin the year issued 332 marriage licenses—279 to white and 53 to colored persons. Last year he issued 213 to white and 130 to col-

ored persons.

The number of deeds recorded by the Clerk

The number of deeds recorded by the Clerk of the Corporation Court during the year was 508, as against 656 last year. In the Corporation Court there were 21 chancers suits instituted, 34 common law suits, 22 wills admitted to probate, 4 powers of attorney recorded and 39 charters and amended charters granted. Last year 46

harters were granted.
In the Circuit Court for the City 3 commolaw and 13 chancery suits were entered, 6 charters granted and 3 wills probated.

The Clerk of the Gas Works reports that there are now 985 gas consumers—an increase of 47 over last year. During the year 10 new services were put in buildings and 25 ald ones reported. There are 29 church and

old ones renewed. There are 22 church and hall lamps in use and 20 street ges lamps are lighted every evening in addition to the 91 electric lamps. During the year 288 feet of 6-inch pipe was laid on north St. Asaph street, and 1860 feet of 4 and 6-inch pipe ourchased and now on hand to be laid King, Eoyal and Cameron streets early in the

spring
The Gas Works have been considerably im-The Gas Works have been considerably improved during the year, 4 new benches and 5 retorts each having been built at the work under contract by the Baltimore Retort and Fire Brick Company and other improvements made. The works are now considered in excellent condition.

During the year the number of persons sent to jail was 342, of whom 99 were whit males and 235 colored males. Of these 227 were sent to the chain game. Twenty-s x

were sent to the chain gang. Twenty-s x were State, 81 county and 3 United state prisoners The number of females was 5.00 whom three were colored and 2 write. The number of prisoners last year was 561.

During the year the police made 1,412 sr-rests, as sgainst 1,791 last year. The num-ber of lodgers accommodated at the station house was 3,057. There were 3,091 last

year.

The total amount of flour inspected during the year was 24,360 barrels, as against 22,388 lest year. This includes 9,110 barrels which came in bags of various size. Much of the flour received now is sold with-

out inspection.
The buildings erected during the year wer fewer and the amount expended in building was less this year than last. The building erected this year were as follows: Lat ward-New buildings. 4 brick, \$4,700; 2 frame. \$50°; repairs and alterations. \$2,050. 2nd ward -New tuildings. 3 brick, \$2,300; 3 frame. \$5.350; require and alterations \$150. frame, \$5,350; repairs and alterations, \$150 3rd ward-New buildings, no brick; 11 frame, \$3,050; repairs and alterations, \$3,500. 4th ward-New buildings, 2 brick, \$750; 4 frame, \$620; repairs and alterations, \$530 Total brick 9 cost \$7,750; total frame 20 cost \$9.520. Total cost of new buildings, \$17,270; total cost of repairs and alterations, \$6,230. Total \$23,500. Last year 20 brick and 39 frame buildings were erected, at a cost of \$69,050.

The principal street work done during the year was as follows: Graveling seven squares. \$2,050; sewer work, small extensions, &c., \$500; street crossings, &c., \$300; repoirs to cutters, &c., \$500. Total, \$3,350.

The number of alarms of fire and the time of service during each month of the year, as furnished by Engineer Bontz, of the Hydra lion Company, is as follows: January, 6 alarms, 2 hours' service; February, 6 alarms 3 hours and 15 minutes' service; March, 2 alarm, no service; April, 6 alarms, 15 min utes' service: May, 1 alaım, no service: June 2 alarms, 15 minutes' service; July, 5 alarms 1 hour and 30 minutes' service; August, alarms, 1 hour's service; September, 1 alarm 30 minutes' service; October, 1 alarm, no ser-vice; November, 3 alarms, 15 minutes' service; December, 6 alarms, 45 minutes' service. Total alarms 42. Total time of service.

vice 9 hours and 45 minutes.

The report of Engineer Wood, of the Columbia Company, is as follows: January, 6 lumbia Company, is as follows: January, of alarms, 3 hours and 10 minutes' service; Feb ruary, 6 alarms, 1 hour and 10 minutes' service; March, 2 alarms, no service; April, 7 alarms, 20 minutes' service; May, 1 alarm 30 minutes' service; June, 3 alarms, 35 min utes' service; July, 5 alarms, 2 hours and 45 minutes' service; August, 3 slarms, 2 hours service; September, 1 alarm; 30 minutes' ser vice; October, 1 alarm, 3) minutes' service; November, 3 alarms, 45 minutes' service; December, 6 alarms, 1 hour and 30 minutes service. There were 44 alarms, of which 12 called for service. There were 7,450 feet o

iose used.

The total amount of insurance paid for fire losses within the city limits during the year was \$2,378, as against \$28,818 last year. It is estimated that fully one million dollars worth of property is insured here. There were no really serious fires during the year. The Collector of Customs for the District of Alexandria reports the value of imports dur Alexandria reports the value of imports during the year at \$11,087 (as against \$5,743 last year), upon which a duty of \$2,184 80 was collected. The tonnage duties were \$107.78. The number of vessels sailing under marine papers issued at this port is 95 as against 91 last year. The customs house building is kept in ex ellent condition and is not of the handsomet huildings in the city. one of the handsomest buildings in the city The business at the city postoffice shows ar increase, During the year many conveni-ences have been added. An electric motor and stamp canceling machine bave been placed in the postoffice, which materially reduce the time of handling the maisl. The records of the office are now all made out by a fine record typewriting machine, and Post-master Crupper is ever on the alert to make

his office aimodel postoffice.

There are now 2,696 takers of water, an ncrease during the year of 46. The mains have been extended as follows: 1 square of 6 inch main on Montgomery street, between Patrick and Henry; 1 square of 6 inch main on Patrick street, between, Madison and Montgomery; 1 square 6 inch main on Pitt street, between Wilkes and Gibbon; 2 squares 6-inch main on Gibbon street, between Pitt and Fairfax; 1 square 6-inch main on Henry street, between Queen and Frincess; 12 squares 6-inch main on Henry street, between Orosquare 4-inch main on Lee street, between Franklin and Jefferson; 1 square 4-inch main on Franklin street, between St. Asaph and

BULL'S COUGH SYRUP DR. stops that tickling in the throat. This reliable remedy allays at once irritations of the throat, sore throat, hearseness and other bronchial affections.

was 731, in 1897 582, this year 588. The number of unlicensed dogs increases each year as the number of licensed decreases which is the street. Not ween all el aut Patrick Five new fire plugs were erected, as follows: Cornew fire plugs were erected as ner Henry and Princess, corner Montgomer and Patrick, corner Montgomery and Henry, corner Pitt and Wilkes and corner Lee and Jefferson During the year a largo new pump has been put in at the water works with a ca-pacity for supplying all demands that may be

made upon the company.

Under an act of the last legislature the Circuit Court for the City, at its December term, entered a decree in reference to the partition of the old courthouse and jail properties in this city. As heritofore stated, the city gets the jail at an assessed valuation of \$7,000 and the old courthouse is to be sold and the and the old courthouse is to be sold and the city will receive one-half of the sum in ex-cess of \$7,000 which that property may bring. The grounds are valuable and it is expected that soon a number of handsome houses will be creeted on the old courthouse

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Foreign News. VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 31 .- An Eng ish missionary has been murdered by natives and soldiers at Tsing Ping, China. A French missionary has been burned to death at Swatow and a German missionary has been mortally upjured in Shantung. The murder of an American missionary, Mrs. Butter-field, in Central China, is reported in late Hong Kong papers. At the town of Hankow, about 1,000 of the inhabitants have met death by drowning by a street of houses extending along the edge of the river tumbling into the water on the top of all the boats there. Houses and boats, with all the people

n them, disappeared in a moment. MADRID, Dec 31 .- A meeting of the chiefs of the army was held last even ng at which it is believed that measures gainst General Weyler's pretensions to political power were considered. The committee on military reform has lecided to establish schools of gunnery or naval artillerists.

The condition of premier Sagasta is somewhat improved.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The Volonte asserts that Madame Pays, who was Ester-hazy's mistress, has testified before the court of cassation, declaring that she acted throughout the Dreyfus affair in Esterhazy's interests. She also confessed, the paper says, that it was she who sent the "Blanche" and "Speranza" elegrams which figured in the evidence

in the Dreyfus case.
ROME, Dec. 31—It is stated that Russia has refused to have a papal muncio

at St. Petersburg.
SHANGHAI, Dec 31 —A telegram from Chung King says that a great battle was fought at Sah Chiao Tsang, on December 27, between the rebels and he imperial troops in which the lat-

ter were victorious . VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 31 —Advices from VANCOUVER, B. C., Fec. 31.—Advices from Australia report the seizure of a number of islands in the touth Pacific by the British gunboat Goldfinch. News from Apia, Samoa, say British and Gorman tars were landed there recently and made a demonstration to two the natives who are becoming excited over the election of a king.

Guillotined the Monster.

PARIS, Dec. 31.-Joseph Vacher, a hepherd, who was arrested at Belley, last October, charged with committing a series of so-called Jack the Ripper nurders, and condemned to death mainly upon his own confession of hav-ing killed three shepherds, three young girls, and two old women, was guillo-tined at Bourgen Bresse, this morning When Vach r was arrested and during he investigation of his crimes, subsequently, he seemed to glory in his mur ler record and related the details of the slaughter of his victims with pride. It was pretty clearly proved that Vacher committed thirty-eight murder within three years.

Flirted with a Juror. AKRON, O, Dec. 31.—Pretty Gert-was so badly burned that she died from rude Jennings, of this city, may find the effects in a few hours. Her has she has flirted a small fortune away. Gertrude's knee was hurt in an acci dent on an electric line six months ago, and last Tuesday she recovered \$4.damages. Now the defend ants file a motion for a new trial, alleging that the fair plaintiff flirted with one of the urors to the extent of influencing his vote. The company claims the flirtation was so evi dent that the judge ordered the juror to change his seat, but Gertrude continued to carry on her unfair action. The company ets up 26 other reasons for a new trial

A Triple Tragedy

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 31.-This morning, when Karl Kirdelberger, a saloon keeper, returned home drunk and was told by his wife to leave the house, he drew a revolver and shot his wife in the head. His nineteen year old step daughter, Mary Brodel, was in the room, started to run out but a second bullet from Kirdelberger's pistol brought her to the floor. The man then put the weapon to his own head and blew out his brains. Mrs. Kirdelberger will die, and the step daughter is in a critical condition.

An Immense Drydock.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.-Arrangements are being made by the Cramp ship and engine building company to build the largest drydock in the United States. The immense new dock will less than seven hundred long or 100 feet longer than the dock at Newport News, Va., which is at the present time the longest in the Unite 1 States. Efforts will be made to locate the new dock as near the shipyard as possible.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

By the fall of a car in shaft K, of the Lake Superior Mine, near Isbpeming, Mich., to-day, six men were killed. They were Finlanders. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

The Mercantile Trust Company of Cincinnati has made application for a receiver for the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Company, and the ap-pointment will be made to-day.

Perry Jones, cashier of the First National Bank, of Phillipsburg, Pa., shot and killed himself last night. He had been depressed of late, but it is generally believed that his accounts are straight.

The Kansas legislature is taking acrive steps to prevent the seating of Congressman elect Roberts from Utah on the grounds that he is a polygamyst, and therefore criminal in the eyes of the law.

An overturned lamp set fire to the clothing

of Mrs. John Hopkins, aged 70, at Amsterdam, N. Y., last night, and she was so severely burned that she died in great agony this morning. Mrs. Ann Scannell, 65 years old, went to the assistance of Mrs. Hopkins and her clothing also took fire. She ran out on a rear stoop where she was afterwards found, every article of clothing having been burned. She died at five o'clock this morning. Boger Scannell, while endeavoring to extinguish the flames that enveloped the aged women, fell, bumping his head against a sharp projection, His skull was fractured and he cannot live. By a rush of quicksand at No. 18 mine at Davis, Chase, Miss Eva Davis, Chas Winnie Thompson Mrs Daniel Green, James Winston, (2) John was believed that three of the workmen were

buried by the rushing element. They were brought out without a scratch fl

Walter Hewitt, aged 12 years, ville, W. Va., while returning home on horse back yesterday, was seized with an epileptic fit and fell from his horse, his foot remaining n

the stirrup. He was dragged several m and killed. An unknown man walked to the middle of the Fusquehanna river at Plymouth, Pa, last evening, broke a hole in the ice and deliber-

ately jumped in. Several persons witnessed the suicide, but were too far away to inter

A cold wave of great intensity swept over the St Paul, Minn, region during last night, the temperature going to 20° below zero. The signal service predicts a further drop. Fire early this morning destroyed the Windsor Hotel at Asbury Park, N. J., which had been closed since October. Less \$15.

000. Fully insured. At Albany to-day Col. Roosevelt took the oath of office as governor of New York.

The Markets.

BALTIMORE, Dec 30 .- Flour quiet and BALTIMORE, Dec 30.—Flatr quiet and unchanged Wheat firmer; spot and month 764ga763g; Jan 754ga763g. Corn firmer; spot and month 434ga43ag. Oats firm; No 2 white 34a344g.

CHICAGO. Dec. 31.—The market closed as follows: Wheat—May 713ga714g. Corn—May 384g. Oats—May 284ga284g. Pork—May \$10 60a10 55,

GEORGETOWN, Dec. 31.—Wheat 70a72g.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

The residence of Mrs. Amanda Raw lett, near King George Court House was destroyed by fire yesterday. Most of the furniture was saved.

The large flour warehouse of J. T. Triplett, at Woodstock, was damaged to the extent of about five hundred dol lars by fire Thursday night. It was stated on the Tobacco Ex-

change in Richmond yesterday that the J. Wright Tobacco Company had been absorbed by the Continental Tobacco Company. Mr. Amos Jones, one of the mosprominent of Stafford county's citizens, died Thursday night at his home, about

ten miles from Fredericksburg, aged eighty-six years. The congregation of St. Paul's church in Richmond, is considering the ques-ion of abolishing the system of renting,

pews at d of introducing the envelopsystem of collections. William J. Bryant, a machinist, at tempted suicide in Richmond last night by cutting his throat with a razor, but he will recover. His wife had her hands

badly cut in taking the razor from him. Bishop A. Van de Vyver at Richmond yesterday celebrated the tenth anniversary of his consecration with a service in which many priests took part. He received many callers and gave a din ner to the clergy this evening. General Edgar Allan took the oath

required of the United States district attorney in Richmond yesterday and entered upon his duties. Mr. Allan recommends State Senator William Flanagan, of Powhatan, as his assistant.

Mr. Taylor Berry, son of the late Judge Berry, and Miss Ida Strode, daughter of the late Professor H A. Strode, eloped from their home, at Amherst Court House, Thursday night, to Pelham, N. C., where they expected to be married. Miss Strode has been attending the Woman's College.

A few nights ago the clothing of Mrs. Richard Jenkins caught fire from an open fireplace at her home near Glen Cove, Westmoreland county, and she was so badly burned that she died from band in attempting to extinguish the flames was seriously injured. Besides her husband, two small children sur

vive her. The dwelling house on the farm of Mrs. Courtney B. Jones, near Boyce, was totally destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon. W. T. Hansucker, who occupied the house, lost nearly all his furniture. The family, with a number of guests, were at dinner, and knew nothing of the fire until a neighbor rushed in and told them the roof was

in flames. Captain Francis R. Lassiter, of Pertersburg, delivered in the hall of the House of Delegates in Richmond last night the first of this winter's series of lectures before the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. Mr. Lassiter's address was on "Military Notes on that Period of the Campaign of 1781 in Virginia, Comprising the Raid of Benedict Arnold."

Bishop Jagger, of Cincinnati, will fill the pulpit of St. Faul's Episcopal Church in Richmond during January. Rev. Hartley Carmichael, the rector, has been furloughed until October. He is in a sanitarium at Toronto, and is in a bad way, as the result of nervous breakdown. A business meeting of the congregation was held Thursday night, and organized methods adopted to keep up the finances of the church.

Judge Waddill, of the United States District Court, yesterday decided a test case of much interest under the new national bankruptcy law, in which he upheld a contention that the filing of a general deed of assignment constituted an act of bankruptcy. The questions with reference to which court should administer the assets, or whether this should be done jointly by the federal and State courts, was not settled, and argument on these points will be heard on Monday.

The Spaniards on the island of Guan refuse to recognize the authority of the governor appointed by the Americans, and Jose Sisto was declared governor.

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List of Unclaimed Letters. The following is a list of the letters remaining in the Alexandria, Va., postodice December 31.

Persons calling for letters will please say they are advertised.

Advertised letters not called for within two weeks will be sent to the dead letter office Alexander, Miss M Lawson, E C Mitchell Arnold, A B Arnold, Mrs Andrew Payne, Mrs Geneiva Chase, Miss Eva Potter, Miss Grace Chase, Miss Eva